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FOL RPT PARIS 10361 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 08 APR 77

QUOTE: S E C R E T PARIS 10361

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FOR HABIB FROM CHARGE
DELIVER AT OPENING BUSINESS APRIL 8
SUGGEST DEPT PASS TO BRUSSELS AND KINSHASA

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, ZA. FR
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: BELGIAN, FRENCH AND US SUPPORT

REF: STATE 78876

1. I CALLED ON JOURNIAC THIS MORNING (APRIL 8) AND
TOLD HIM ABOUT MOBUTU'S CONCERN OVER REPORTS HE HAD
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RECEIVED CONTENDING THAT THE US HAS CONSULTED WITH THE
FRENCH AND THE BELGIANS ABOUT PRESSING MOBUTU TO NEGO-
TIATE WITH THE KATANGANS. WITH APPARENT SINCERITY,
JOURNIAC SAID THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH THE ZAIRIAN
AMBASSADOR IN PARIS, HE HAD ACCURATELY REPORTED THE
AMERICAN POSITION AS OUTLINED BY YOU TO JOURNIAC LAST
WEEK, AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND

THE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION RESTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THE US MUST OPERATE. JOURNIAC THOUGHT THAT MOBUTU'S GENUINE INABILITY TO COMPREHEND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY COULD NOT UNILATERALLY ACT EXPLAINED HIS SUSCEPTIBILITY TO SUCH REPORTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROMPT FULFILLMENT OF THE SUPPORT PACKAGE YOU DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, PARTICULARLY RATIONS AND C-130 TRANSPORT, WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO ALLAY MOBUTU'S CONCERNS.

2. JOURNIAC CONFIRMED THAT MOROCCO INTENDS TO PROVIDE TWO BATALLIONS OF 800 MEN EACH. HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT SADAT WOULD DO AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY TEAM NOW IN ZAIRE. FINALLY, JOURNIAC NOTED THAT GEN. SINGA WAS "ALONE" IN EFFORTS TO RALLY FAZ FORCES IN SHABA, HENCE THE DECISION TO PROVIDE FRENCH OFFICERS FOR HIS STAFF.
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